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Applicant: Kazuo Yokoyama et al. : Art Unit:
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For: HEAD SUPPORT MECHANISM, :
INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING HEAD SUPPORT
MECHANISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 7, insert ☒ --THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S.
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Please replace ☒ the paragraph, beginning at page 21, line 17, with
the following:

Figures 24A, 24B and 24C are diagrams showing relative positions
of a driving element of an actuator portion and a disk surface according to
Embodiment 9.